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| <b>UTILITY<br/>PATENT APPLICATION<br/>TRANSMITTAL<br/>Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)</b> | Attorney Docket No:   | PD-201021                                           |  |
|                                                                                   | First Named Inventor: | John Border                                         |  |
|                                                                                   | Title:                | METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING CONNECTION HANDLING |  |
|                                                                                   | Customer No:          | 20991                                               |  |

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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## APPLICATION PARTS:

1.  Specification [Total Pages 79]
2.  Drawings [Total Sheets 41]
3.  Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
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  - b.  Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63d)  
*(for continuation or divisional application)*
- i.  **DELETION OF INVENTORS**  
Signed Statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

4.  Assignment (cover sheet and documents)
5.  Power of Attorney (included in Oath or Declaration)
6.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO1449)
  - a.  Copies of IDS Citations
7.  Preliminary Amendment
8.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
9.  Certified Copy of Priority Documents  
*(If foreign priority is claimed)*
10.  Other

**11. CONTINUING APPLICATION:**

Continuation     Divisional     Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Prior application information:* *Examiner:* *Group/Art Unit:*

**For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL applications only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

- a.  Amend the Specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:  
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- b.  The prior application is assigned to HUGHES ELECTRONICS CORPORATION.
- c.  The power of attorney of the prior application is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- d.  Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ in the prior application before calculating the filing fee below.
- e.  I hereby certify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

**12. FEE TRANSMITTAL:**

|                           | <u>No. Filed</u> | <u>Extra</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Fee</u>         |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Basic Fee                 |                  |              | \$ 710.00   | \$ 710.00          |
| Total Claims              | 57               | - 20 =       | \$ 18.00    | \$ 666.00          |
| Independent Claims        | 4                | - 3 =        | \$ 80.00    | \$ 80.00           |
| Multiple Dependent Claims |                  | N (Y/N)      | \$ 270.00   | \$ 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>   |                  |              |             | <b>\$ 1,456.00</b> |

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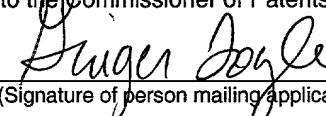
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